

RECOGNIZING THE JAPANESE  
AMERICAN CULTURAL AND COM-  
MUNITY CENTER

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Little Tokyo's Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC) located in my congressional district. This year, the JACCC is celebrating its 25th anniversary of presenting, propagating, communicating and promoting Japanese American arts and culture.

The JACCC is the realization of a dream of visionary Issei and Nisei (first-generation and second-generation) Japanese American pioneers to create a permanent cultural center for all generations to enjoy. Its beginnings are rooted in the 1971 redevelopment of Little Tokyo, when a citizen's advisory committee made the cultural community center an essential component of a new Little Tokyo.

As one of the leading arts organization in Los Angeles and the nation, the JACCC has successfully introduced Japanese and Japanese American arts and culture to diverse audiences for 25 years.

The JACCC opened its doors in 1980 and was completed in 1983. The five-story Center building houses the George and Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theatre; the JACCC plaza designed by Isamu Noguchi; the award-winning James Irvine Japanese Garden; the George J. Doizaki Gallery; meeting and conference rooms; and nonprofit community tenant offices.

One of the largest ethnic cultural centers of its kind in the United States, the JACCC has presented throughout the United States over 250 premiers of Japanese art, over 100 premiers of Asian American artists, and more exhibitions of Japanese performing arts than any facility outside Japan. It is the most active facility in the United States for the exhibition of Japanese contemporary design. It is also home to a variety of cultural, educational, and community organizations.

The JACCC also presents annual events celebrating the traditional holidays of New Year's and Children's Day. These celebrations preserve traditions inherited from Japan and define uniquely Japanese American traditions and values to younger generations. To ensure the continuation of the next generation of Japanese American artists and audiences, the JACCC has developed artist-in-residency and artist resource programs, which provide support services such as rehearsal and workshop space.

As part of the JACCC's 25th Anniversary celebration, the Shochiku Grand Kabuki Chikamatsuza troupe will provide four special performances of the Grand Kabuki of Japan. This troupe, based in Osaka, Japan, is led by Living National Treasure Nakamura Ganjiro III and features a cast of 45 actors and musicians. It will be the first full-scale company of the Grand Kabuki to tour the United States in nearly ten years.

I congratulate the JACCC on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, and I commend them for the outstanding work they do to ensure that Angelenos and all Americans benefit from the beautiful Japanese culture and Japanese American history.

RECOGNIZING JARED HILL FOR  
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jared Hill of Weston, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Jared achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on February 10, 2005.

Jared has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years that Jared has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jared organized the placement of park benches, tables, parking, and landscaping at Weston Bend State Park.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jared Hill for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT J.  
DEVLIN

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Robert Devlin upon his retirement from the U.S. Army after more than 24 years of outstanding service to our country.

Colonel Devlin has been assigned to several key military positions throughout his career, which culminated as the Garrison Commander of the Redstone Arsenal located in Huntsville, Alabama. It is in this role that Colonel Devlin helped modernize and strengthen Redstone to better meet the demands and challenges of today's Army.

Colonel Devlin has distinguished himself throughout his military service in many challenging and diverse assignments. Throughout his remarkable career, he has received many medals and awards for his ability to lead by example, encourage excellence from his peers and subordinates, effectively manage the Army's resources, and consistently produce outstanding results. I commend Colonel Devlin for his ability to energize a diverse staff toward a common purpose, setting high goals and inspiring his staff to achieve them.

Mr. Speaker, during Colonel Devlin's tenure in North Alabama, he has been a true partner with our community. His openness, visibility, and willingness to help has done a great deal to bring Redstone and the larger community closer together.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of North Alabama, I congratulate Colonel Devlin for his 24 years of service to our country.

HONORING KATHY SPOOR, DIREC-  
TOR OF PACIFIC COUNTY PUBLIC  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT

**HON. BRIAN BAIRD**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathy Marie Spoor, Director of Pacific County Public Health and Human Services Department, for her service in promoting the health of her community. Ms. Spoor was recently recognized as a 2005 Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader. This prestigious award goes to only 10 recipients annually, and includes with it a grant of \$105,000 to continue her work.

Seeing her grandmother struggle with the effects of childhood polio and losing her mother to a smoking-related illness inspired Ms. Spoor to dedicate her life to preventing and treating illness.

This dedication has led her to serve those who need help the most. Rural Pacific County is one of the poorest regions in the State of Washington. Of its 21,000 residents, close to 10,000 have incomes that are below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. More than 2,000 have no health insurance, and many more are underinsured and have no dental insurance or dental care.

The Health Department offers all of the traditional public health services, from disease surveillance to tracking pregnancy outcomes, but under Spoor's leadership it has extended its work to include HIV and STD testing, family planning, low-cost or free pharmaceuticals, a host of youth development programs, and even dental care.

Ms. Spoor relies on her background as a registered nurse, a talent for raising funds when budgets are tight, and no small amount on ingenuity to serve the area's residents.

In one instance, Ms. Spoor called in the National Guard to increase access to dental services for local residents. She then convinced one of the National Guard dentists to relocate by finding low-rent space for his practice in a local hospital.

Mr. Speaker, it is for her dedication and indomitable spirit that Ms. Spoor is so deserving of this national award as a Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader. It is my honor to recognize her today.

RECOGNIZING ARTHUR H.  
SCHNUCK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Arthur H. Schnuck of Cooper County, Missouri. Mr. Schnuck will soon celebrate his 97th birthday.

Arthur H. Schnuck was born on June 22, 1908 on the Schnuck Century Farm known as the "Walnut Range Stock Farm" to Henry E. Schnuck and Ida Vieth Schnuck. The Walnut Range Stock Farm is located in Cooper County, just east of Boonville in Saline Township.